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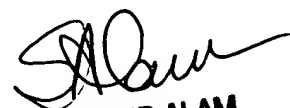
The reply brief filed on November 07, 2006, has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal (MPEP 12.181).

II)

The (IDS) Information Disclosure Statement submitted on 6/22/06 has been entered and place into the file.

37 CFR 1.97. Filing of information disclosure statement.

(c) An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed after the period specified in paragraph (b) of this section, provided that the information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by one of: (1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p) (MPEP 609).


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